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UM'S CAREER FAIR LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Missoula--

Making the transition from university life to the working world is often a difficult process for new graduates. The goal of The University of Montana's Big Sky Career Fair is to ease the transition by gathering students with prospective employers for one-on-one discussions in a relaxed atmosphere.

The 1997 Big Sky Career Fair will be held on UM's campus in the University Center Ballroom on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The "Opening Doors to Your Future" conference will run from 10:10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Center Montana Rooms.

The career fair and conference are free to both students and fair participants.

The event provides students with an excellent opportunity to meet with professionals, investigate employment opportunities, explore job market trends, research specific companies, and practice interviewing and networking skills. The fair is designed to offer career development information to students of all academic majors and levels, and in the past has been a well-attended event.

Running concurrently with the career fair this year will be a conference titled "Opening Doors to Your Future." The conference consists of a series of panel presentations and workshops designed to provide students with job search assistance. Recruiters, personnel directors, business owners, UM

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alumni and University faculty volunteer their time to serve as panelists. Panels cover such topics as interviewing and networking, resume writing, starting a business, choosing and using academic majors and seeking international employment or internships as well as other career development topics.

Career Services offers a Career Development Handbook that is used throughout the academic year by faculty, staff, students and alumni. The handbook is free to students and career fair participants. Resume writing, interviewing, networking, internships and general career development are presented in the handbook. Businesses, organizations and individuals can purchase an advertisement in the handbook as a means of contributing to the career fair.

For more information contact UM's Office of Career Services at (406) 243-2022.

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